Assignment of lands on either side of Romperu drain in Bapatla.

* 1145 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Pragada Kotaiah is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the instructions given by the Government to the Romperu Special Deputy Collector, Chirala, recently appointed in respect of the assignment of the assessed waste lands lying on either side of the Romperu drain in Bapatla taluk?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Special Deputy Collector is now engaged in gathering statistics which would facilitate the assignment of the land as soon as the Government pass orders on the report of the Committee."

Alleged torture by the police of the son of B. Neelayya of Ravikampadu, Chintalapudi taluk.

8-50 a.m. * 1146 Q.—SRI M. KUNE RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any petition from Sri Boppanna Neelayya of the village of Ravikampadu, Chintalapudi taluk, West Godavari district, on 12th November 1952, complaining about the sudden death of his son due to torture by the police in Tadikalapudy Police station in the same district on 9th November 1952; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No petition from Boppanna Neelayya was received by Government but they received official intimation that one Sri Boppanna Ramulu, son of Boppanna Neelayya referred to committed suicide by drowning himself in a well while under police custody in connection with a theft case along with five others. At the instance of the Police officers the Subdivisional First-class Magistrate of Eluru went to the spot at once and held the inquest. The post-mortem revealed that there were no external injuries on the body of the deceased. The verdict was that the deceased committed suicide out of fear of being subjected to police investigation and torture in connexion with the theft case. The medical evidence showed that there were no injuries, internal and external in the body of the deceased and that death was due to asphyxia due to drowning. The Subdivisional Magistrate, Eluru, who was present at the inquest and enquired into the case fully has expressed his opinion clearly that it is a case of suicide."